

Nations Rearming.

The haste with which the progressive nations are rearming their batteries with quick firing guns is proof of the importance of the new ordinance and the fulfillment of peace prophecies.

Germany has issued a quick firing gun and is experimenting with another pattern of Bavarian manufacture, while a long range field gun of 2.93 inch caliber has been introduced into the heavy artillery.

Banking in the Interior.

The views expressed at the recent gathering of bankers in St. Louis that the currency should be reformed in the interest of the country at large have been criticized as an effort to make the government an instrument of paternalism.

Naturally the banks of New York city oppose any change of the currency system which will compel them to surrender their strategic position and relinquish their dominant power.

If Japan leaves her bluff good in San Francisco it might be well for our diplomats to take the hint and provide in future treaties for the kind treatment of American women who marry European titles.

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Hunting For Eternal Youth.

When we read the story of Ponce de Leon and other adventurous mariners sailing unknown seas in quest of the land of eternal sunshine and never ending youth we think of them as mistaken dreamers, although admiring their enthusiasm.

Yet it would appear from the conclusions reached by Dr. Carl Snyder, who writes on the Quest of Prolonged Youth in the Monthly Review, that the question whether men will ever learn how to avert old age is debatable from the point of view of medical science today.

Dr. Snyder reviews theories and explanations as to the cause of old age that have been put forth in the past, citing Dr. Muhlman of Odessa as authority for the theory that there growth stops in plant or animal life death begins. In fact, life itself involves a process of cell degeneration, and old age or aging begins with growth. Decay is first noticed in cells which by reason of remoteness from channels of nutrition have the greatest difficulty in securing food.

In this question of nutrition for the cells is involved arterial degeneration, and the idea that "a man is as old as his arteries" is of very ancient date. Dr. Snyder contends that arteriosclerosis is a condition but not a cause of old age.

As a preface to the argument for the hope, as above referred to, that man may some time learn the cause of old age, Dr. Snyder says, "The aging of the body is the aging of the cells, but we do not yet understand what it is that makes the cells grow old."

Dr. Snyder concludes that habits and conditions of life do not seriously affect its duration. The problem is to control artificially the restoration of physical substance, worn down, with every expenditure of energy. This "is the more or less conscious aim of all rational scientific investigation."

The Transalaskan-Siberian Railway Company, recently incorporated, does not propose to tunnel being strait with the \$6,000,000 capitalization with which it starts.

Japan has abolished the high stepping, or German, style of marching in the army. The high stepping is now being done by her diplomatic representatives on the Pacific coast.

Charity at Home.

Mrs. Russell Sage took a very unostentatious way of doing good with the millions left by her late husband. The fact that she increased substantially the bequests made to natural kin by the testator was commented upon at the time as a means of staying off lawsuits. But the handsome gifts to family servants and the increase of the salaries of the clerks who had served her husband faithfully for years were certainly free from every sort of suspicion. The estate owed them nothing.

Mrs. Sage gave liberally to those right around her, whose lives she knew and whose struggles to get on in the world by honorable methods she must have watched and admired. It was as though she called them together and said to each, "I want you to share in the good fortune that has come to the house."

San Francisco is to begin a vigorous war upon the grafters, and, suspicious of the legal prosecutor, the citizens are banding together to pay the expenses of special counsel, who will throw his whole heart and soul into the task of purging the city of the stain of political corruption and trickery.

Our "Dreadnought."

Plans for a monster battleship to be built by the United States "as an answer" to the terrible Dreadnought of the British navy have recently been examined by the board before submitting a choice to congress. Two of the plans call for a ship of greater tonnage than the British rival, and the guns are so mounted as to give the broadside greater power than is possessed by the Dreadnought.

In the plans submitted there appears to be a desire to get extra force in one direction even at the cost of force in another. For instance, the fire ahead and astern is perceptibly weakened in order to get more guns in the broadside line. Probably this weakness may be remedied before the construction begins. The cost of building such a ship is of course enormous, and it is said that three Idaho or Mississippi could be put aff for the money it costs to provide one of these monsters, which a torpedo may send to the bottom in an instant. But the idea seems to be that the United States should have a single ship able to smash anything that any nation has afloat.

Perhaps Stensland and other convicted bank wreckers who, like him, get juggled on an indeterminate sentence may stay behind the bars just as long as the culprit sentenced for ten or twenty years. Long sentences sometimes react and create sympathy for the convict. Still, there is a terror in a long sentence which gives the state power to punish a man to the limit of his deserts when policy demands it.

Officers and men of the United States army will hereafter wear identification metal tags. Doesn't sound dignified, but it is, all the same, very sensible. People who go away from home alone, especially tourists by rail and visitors to large cities, ought to have some form of simple personal identification attached to them in a way to be promptly discovered in case of accident.

Upton Sinclair's "The Jungle" has been produced with live cattle on the stage. The manager of the show should be thanked for the self-restraint he has exhibited in refraining from stuffing sausages in full view of the spectators.

Those Ute Indians have kindly agreed to go to Fort Meade and have their men brought to them. This is obviously easier than having to borrow a wagon load of supplies from an unwilling cavalry troop before ringing the dinner bell.

Made Happy for Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. B. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Albans, W. Va., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus' Dance, which yielded to no treatment, but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I can say, in complete confidence, that I have a complete cure." "Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weakness, impurified blood and malaria." Guaranteed by Barrington Pharmacy. Price 50c.

A few months ago the guillotine was abandoned in France because parliament refused an appropriation to support it. Recently the French cabinet approved the measure to abolish capital punishment altogether, and as the advance political elements of the country oppose the death penalty for any case whatsoever it is likely that the guillotine is happily a thing of the dreary past in France.

In proportion to the population there are more centenarians in the Balkans, where revolutions and bloodshed come every spring with the crocuses, than in any other spot on the face of the earth. The inference is that if there were no annual killings everybody there would reach the hundred mark.

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the house of F. N. Tackett, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tackett's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me to death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. With the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for sore lungs, coughs and colds, at Barrington Pharmacy. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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Had a Close Call.

A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was performed by the application of Buckner's Arnica Salve. Says A. C. Stickle, of Milletts, W. Va. "Persistent use of the salve completely cured it." Cures cuts, burns and injuries. 25c at Barrington Pharmacy.

The Nashville Banner calls attention to the fact that the south has been practically left out of the cabinet since Cleveland's time. Perhaps Maryland, Secretary of Commerce, is the no longer one of the southern states, but Marylanders don't figure it out that way.

All about a private soldier stationed at Havana has been court martialed for rhyming, a publisher's "reader" of manuscript poems wishes that all rhymerettes would become regulars.

The homelessness of the Standard Oil company is heartrending. Poor John D. doesn't know whether he lives in the new world or the old when a grand jury calls to pay its respects.

Now that our own excitement is over, the case may proceed with the Russian elections with the assurance that they will be featured by the newspapers in front page position.

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